

How to Search PsycINFO® an OhioLINK research database



Ohio Dominican University Library

What is PsycINFO?

PsycINFO is a database that contains citations and abstracts of journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations, and technical reports, from over 1800 psychology journals. It is produced by the American Psychological Association.

You are using an OhioLINK OSearch database if you see the OSearch name in the upper right corner of your screen. Some other OhioLINK research databases are:

- **Historic PsycINFO 1872–1966**
- **Contemporary Women's Issues 1992–Present**
- Medline (Current, 1998-)
- ERIC 1966-Present

Step 1. Connect to the database

- Connect to the ODU Library homepage: <http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library>
- From the Library's homepage, follow these links:
Articles in Databases → Psychology → [PsycINFO](#)

Step 2. Start Your Search

Frequently this is a keyword search as follows:

1. **Select the Keywords search** at the top of the search form.

<input type="checkbox"/> Thesaurus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keywords	<input type="checkbox"/> Keywords plus cited references
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2. Use the search box to enter your search term(s). The default search for this database is a keyword search in "all fields" of the records.
 - Type a single word or phrase
Example: anorexia
Example: behavior therapy
 - Type AND to narrow your search or use OR to broaden your search
Example: gender and computer
- Finds items that contain both the words "gender" and "computer"
Example: college or university
- Finds items that contain either "college" or "university"
 - Type a dollar sign (\$) to search for different endings of a word
Example: sex\$
- Finds "sex," "sexual," "sexuality," etc.
3. If you are familiar with and wish to use instead the terms from the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*, you can change the drop-down menu for any search box from "All Fields" to "Subject."
4. If you wish to use multiple search boxes, click on **More search boxes** and add your terms.
5. If you would like to limit your search, click on **Show limit options** (see section 3 of this guide).
6. Click on the **Submit Search** button.

Step 3. Limit Options: How to Limit Your Search



To determine what limit options are available, click on **Show limit options**, below your search box.

You can LIMIT your search, for example, by:	Example:
Language	English
Year	1995 - 2003
Publication Type	Peer-reviewed journal
Age Group	adolescence
Form/Content	Case-study (non clinical)

Step 4. Review & Locate Your Articles

1. Click on an **article's title** to view the article citation, which will include a useful summary of the article.
2. Click on  **Find It!** near the article title to see if the article is available in full text online in the OLinks pop-up window. Follow these steps:
 - i. If the article is available in full text, you will see a link for full text on the left side in your pop-up window, for example: **View full text of this article in the EJC**. Click on the link and follow the prompts for full text.
 - ii. If the above full-text link is NOT displayed on the screen, then click on the link **Search by title in the Ohio Dominican University Library Catalog** to search for the journal title in the **ODU Library Catalog** using a Title search.
If the journal is in our library, then use the ODU Library Catalog to
 - 1) make sure the VOLUME & ISSUE NUMBERS you need are available and
 - 2) note the journal's LOCATION.
 - iii. If the journal in which the article is published is NOT in our library, then return to your options in the pop-up-window and click on **"View Inter-library Loan Options"** so that you can do an Interlibrary Loan Request to obtain a copy of the article (allow 3-10 days for processing). For more information on interlibrary loans, visit the library homepage and click on **Access Services**, then **Interlibrary Loan**.
3. Use the **Prev** | **Next** links at the top of the results list to move from one page of results to another.

Step 5. Storing, Printing, Downloading, & Emailing Your Article Records

1. Click on  **Store** or  **Store this Record** near the article title to mark a record for storing. Then click on **Results List** (near the top of the screen) to go back to your list of records.
2. Click on **Stored Records** near the top of the screen on your results page to review, print, or email what you've stored.
3. From the Stored Records screen, you can view, print, download, email, or export your article records. Follow the prompts to complete this process.

For more help or to use some of the database's advanced search features, click on **Tips, Help, and Chat** near the top of the database search screen. Or contact a Reference Librarian: tel. (614) 251-4754 (toll-free 1-888-681-8044), email refdesk@ohiodominican.edu.